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NECROLOGY.

JAMES LOWNDES, of Washington, D. C., a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at Augusta, Georgia, January 15th, 1910.

He was born in Charleston, January 6th, 1835, and was the eldest son of Edward Rutledge and Lucia Guerard Lowndes. He was prepared for College at the well known school of Christopher Coates in Charleston, and was graduated at the South Carolina College in 1854 with the first honors of his class. Having completed his education at the Universities of Berlin, Bonn and Goettingen, he returned to Charleston, entered the bar, and was chosen by Mr. Petigru to assist him in the codification of the laws of South Carolina. On the outbreak of the Confederate war, after a brief service on the coast of South Carolina, he went to Virginia as an officer of the Hampton legion, and took part in the first battle of Manassas. Returning to South Carolina he was appointed Captain of Sharp Shooters, and subsequently served upon the staff of General W. S. (Live Oak) Walker. Accompanying General Walker to Virginia in 1864, he was present at the attack on Newbern, N. C., and was with the General when he was wounded at Clay's Farm on May 20th, 1865. He served afterwards on the staff of General Stephen Elliott, being present at the Battle of The Crater, July 7th, 1864, and surrendered at Appomattox. Coming back to Charleston, he resumed the practice of his profession, and at the same time performed editorial work for a while upon the Charleston News. He was a member of the firm of McGrath & Lowndes, in which Hon. A. G. McGrath was the senior member, and remained with him until the autumn of 1874, when he removed to Washington. He there built up a large practice. In the Court of Claims, in the Supreme Court of the United States, the courts of the District and in congressional practice he was alike successful. He was one of the Commissioners under

the treaty between Spain and the United States of February 10th, 1870. He had retired from practice some years before his death. On April 9th, 1891, he married Laura Walcott Tuckerman, eldest daughter of Lucius Tuckerman, of Boston, who survives him. Mr. Lowndes was much more than a lawyer of learning and capacity. His memory was remarkable and his mind enriched with ancient and modern literature. He had great social gifts, and took a high position in Washington society, in which his personal appearance, his distinguished manners, and literary accomplishments fitted him to shine. Though long absent from South Carolina, his interest in all that concerned the State never abated. His gifts to this Society, and to the Charleston Library Society, and to the Carolina Art Association were frequent and valuable. The Historical Society and those interested in this Magazine have special reason to feel his loss.

JUDGE JAMES ALDRICH, a Curator of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at Aiken, S. C., January 23, 1910.

He was born in Barnwell July 25, 1850. He was the son of James T. and Isabel C. (Patterson) Aldrich and the early part of his life was spent in Barnwell, where his early education was secured.

Soon after the War Between the States he entered Washington University (now Washington and Lee) at Lexington, Va., from which institution he graduated. He was a student there at the time Gen. Robert E. Lee was president.

After his graduation from Washington University he began the study of law in the office of his father in Barnwell. He was soon after admitted to the Bar and came to Aiken to take up the practice of his profession just after that city had been made county seat. December 15, 1874, he was married to Miss Fannie Lebby, of Charleston, who died December 26, 1908. Three children were born of this union, only one of whom survives, Mrs. Huger T. Hall, with whom he resided after the death of his wife.

Judge Aldrich played a prominent part in the politics of the State several years ago. His career began in the